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23. — *Analytic Grammar of the English Language, for the Use of Schools.* By I. H. NUTTING, A. M., M. D., Principal of Mount Hollis Seminary. Boston: Crosby, Nichols, & Co. 1858. 12mo. pp. 112.

WE had determined never again to look into an English Grammar; but the modest dimensions of this book tempted us to break our resolution. We rejoice that we have done so. We can speak of Dr. Nutting's Grammar with unqualified praise. We do not know him, nor have we any idea of the *situs* of "Mount Hollis"; but we feel sure that his "A. M." means something. He is a linguist of superior attainments and in a considerable diversity of tongues; for the simplicity of his analysis indicates an author who has risen, through the collation of *languages*, to a comprehensive grasp of *language*. His treatise is the simple application of the essential canons of universal grammar to the English tongue. There is not a definition or a rule that could be dispensed with. Indeed, his rules of syntax are statements of fundamental laws; while the prolix rules of the school-grammars in general are awkward descriptions of observed facts in speech, of the theory of which the writers are wholly ignorant. The mere saving of time by the introduction of this book into the common schools of New England would be great beyond our easy calculation. Then, too, the time spent on grammar now is *all* wasted, — no child learns anything about language from his school-manual; while from this book a child would derive definite ideas and positive knowledge.

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24. — *Book-Keeping, by Single and Double Entry. For Schools and Academies. Adapted to Payson, Dunton, and Scribner's Combined System of Penmanship.* By L. B. HANAFORD, A. M., and J. W. PAYSON, Principals of the "Boston Mercantile Academy." Boston: Crosby, Nichols, & Co. 1858. 4to. pp. 108.

HERE, also, we have a school-book faultlessly excellent. The explanations and rules are concise, explicit, and intelligible, — such, we imagine, as would enlighten not a few experienced book-keepers as to the theory of operations which they have been wont to perform mechanically. The specimen-books present an adequate variety of entries, and the examples for practice are well chosen and arranged. The various kinds of subsidiary books are described and illustrated, and the usual business-forms are very happily explained. We trust that this manual will have extensive circulation; for even among